

Clean Air Lawn Care for Businesses

1. *How do our lawn care choices affect air quality???*

Gasoline powered lawn care equipment emits pollutants into the air that contributes to poor air quality (i.e. ground-level ozone). What you choose to plant plus how and when you schedule lawn care can improve air quality and can save time and money.

2. *What kind of responsible lawn care choices for businesses should I consider???*

- Consider reducing the amount of lawn to mow with native landscaping practices. Native plants are naturally adapted to our area and require little in the way of care.
- Speak with a lawn care expert about your grass; ask about species that require less mowing, watering and chemical treatments.
- Heat and sunlight increase air pollution levels (i.e. ground-level ozone). Ask your contracted grounds keeper or your own staff to mow and trim your property in the evening. Emissions from the lawn care equipment will have less time to contribute to poor air quality.
- Plant trees strategically. This not only provides shade and adds value to your property but has benefits to air quality. Placing trees in parking lots and near the street reduces temperatures that contribute to poor air quality. Trees also help remove air pollution.
- Require regular maintenance of company lawn care equipment. Or use contracted grounds keepers that have similar requirements and who respect your commitment to responsible lawn care practices.

3. *What about Ozone Alert! days.*

Consider rescheduling lawn care until the weather improves. Lawn care equipment emissions are especially problematic on such days.

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